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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Any required copies of patents, publications or other documents are enclosed for the Examiner's review. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, Applicant further requests a copy of the 1449 form, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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